**BOARDTREADER**

**Lock-down edition**

**MAY 2020**

**From the Chairman**

I trust this month’s reduced Board Treader finds you and your loved ones well.

As you can imagine, there is not too much to say this month on the theatre front owing to the lock-down but, our theatre is being looked after (and so is Mushy), so our thanks to the kind volunteers who take time out and check up on the theatre.

During the last couple of weeks, the committee have met via Zoom and have been in discussions on preparing for a season when normal life resumes. As you can appreciate, the schedule is fluid, but we do have a plan and I would like to thank Maggie for her hard work in trying to co-ordinate a moving target and the production teams for their understanding and co-operation during this unprecedented period.

Not all rehearsals have ceased, however, as the senior youth group have held a couple of Zoom rehearsals (see below).

We managed to rehearse Blood Brothers and Girls Like That and we are planning a couple of more rehearsals to keep the shows fresh.

If you are missing the theatre, then why not join in the Theatreoke online sessions below or there have been some excellent streamed professional productions by the National Theatre via you tube.

Hopefully, in a month’s time, we will have more news but in the meantime stay safe and healthy and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Gordon

**Gordon Bird**

**On-line Theatreoke sessions in May**

This time last year we'd just had the first ever Theatreoke so we thought we try an online version!

**At 8.30pm on Wednesday 13th May and Friday 29th May** we will run Theatreoke via Zoom. Links to the sessions will be in the SPT Facebook group or you can email Lara to ask for them on [ldsavory@gmail.com](mailto:ldsavory@gmail.com);

If you want to sing then you'll need to find a backing track and play it - that will avoid a time lag between the music and the singing. The Zoom sessions are only 40 minutes so if you definitely want to sing let Lara know beforehand to make sure you don't miss out!

If you just want to listen then you'll just need to click to join the session. Bring a drink, bring the rest of your household and just enjoy.

**Enjoyable Recollections of Past Shows**

We hope you have been enjoying the photos from our past productions on the SPT Facebook page and Twitter posted by Lara.  I’m sure many happy memories of past triumphs have been flooding back to you.

If you have more photos that you would like to share then please email them to Lara with the name of the show and the year. **Contact Lara on** [lara@shinfieldplayers.co.uk](mailto:lara@shinfieldplayers.co.uk);

**Virtual workshops…**

Please contact [lara@shinfieldplayers.co.uk](mailto:lara@shinfieldplayers.co.uk); if you would be interested in running a virtual Wednesday workshop (or any night obviously!) There are definitely some things like character work, accents and maybe improvisation that would be worth trying online.

**June edition of Board Treader**

It would be lovely to produce a full lock-down Board Treader for everyone during this time - so please do send in articles, pictures, recipes, jokes, news, poems or entertaining snippets for us all to enjoy.  I will try to publish them all in next month’s edition.

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